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## PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), Applicants hereby petition for a five-month extension of time to respond to the Notice of Appeal filed October 18, 2005 in the above-identified application. Applicants previously filed the Notice of Appeal with a three-month extension of time in response to the Final Office Action mailed April 18, 2005 in the above-identified application. With the five-month extension, this paper is due on or before May 18, 2006. A check in the amount of \$2,160.00, in payment of the fee required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(5), is enclosed herewith.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any fees required in connection with the papers transmitted herewith, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, (Reference No. 23239-301B).

Respectfully submitted,

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